UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. William H. Walls

v. : Crim. No. 11-cr-615

LUIS MEDRANO : <u>ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE</u>

a/k/a "Michael Penna"

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Paul J. Fishman, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (Andrew S. Pak, Assistant U.S. Attorney, appearing), and defendant Luis Medrano (Lisa Mack, Esq., appearing), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter, and one continuance having previously been granted by the Court pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have the matter brought to trial within 70 days of the date of his appearance before a judicial officer of this court pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(c)(1), and the defendant having consented to such a continuance, and it appearing that the defendant waives such right, and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

(1) Taking into account the exercise of diligence, therefore, the facts of this case require that defense counsel be

permitted a reasonable amount of additional time for effective preparation in this matter;

- (2) Plea negotiations are currently in progress, and both the United States and the defendant desire additional time to negotiate a plea agreement, which would render any grand jury proceedings and any subsequent trial of this matter unnecessary;
- (3) As a result of the foregoing, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

IT IS, therefore, on this day of December, 2011,
ORDERED that this action be, and hereby is, continued
until March 16, 2012; and it is further

ORDERED that the period from the date of this order through March 16, 2012 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974; and it is further

ORDERED that the calendar for this matter should be revised as follows:

Defense motions:

Opposition

Motions hearing:

Trial

HON WILLIAM H. WALLS

United States District Judge

Form and entry consented to:

Andrew S. Pak

Assistant U.S. Attorney

Lisa Mack

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